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RESOLUTIONS

OF A

COMMITTEE of the WHOLE HOUSE,

TO WHOM

THE REPORT

FROM THE COMMITTEE UPON PROMULGATION OF STATUTES,

WAS REFERRED.

(March 20th 1797.)

RESOLVED, That it is the Opinion of this Committee,

1. That it is expedient for the more general and ſpeedy Promulgation of the Laws; That His Majeſty's Printer (inſtead of printing the 1,126 Copies of ſuch of the Public Statutes of the Realm as are now printed by him at His Majeſty's Expenſe) ſhould be authorized and directed to print not leſs than 3,550 Copies of every Public general Statute; 200 Copies of every Public local Statute (including Road Acts;) and 200 Copies of each Private Statute: Which it appears, from the Statements contained in the Report referred to this Committee, may be done without any additional Expenſe to the Public.

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RESOLVED, That it is the Opinion of this Committee,

2. That His Majeſty's Printer ſhould be authorized and directed to print and deliver (or tranſmit by the Poſt Office) as ſoon as poſſible after each Bill has received the Royal Aſſent, the aforeſaid Number of 3,550 Copies of each Public general Statute, according to the following Mode of Diſtribution.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE PUBLIC GENERAL ACTS.

I.

HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT, OFFICERS, AND DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, &c.

	Sets ſtitched.	Sets bound.
The Houſe of Peers	300	20
Viz.		
For ſuch Peers as may demand them - - 300		
For the Houſe - - -		1
The Lord Chancellor or Speaker		1
The Chairman of Committees		1
The Clerk of the Parliaments		1
The Clerk Aſſiſtant - - -		1
The Reading Clerk - -		1
The Clerk of the Journals -		1
The Copying Clerk - -		1
The Trunk Bearer - - -		1
The Gent. Uſher Black Rod -		1
The Yeoman Uſher - -		1
The Subordinate Officers of the Houſe - - -		9
		20
The Houſe of Commons	570	8
Viz.		
For ſuch Members as may demand them, and the Clerks, &c. - - - - 570		
The Table of the Houſe -		1
The Clerk - -		1
The Clerk Aſſiſtant -		1
The Clerk of Committee of Privileges - -		1
The Clerk of the Fees -		1
The Committee Clerks -		1
The Committee Rooms -		2
		8
Carried over - -	870	28

DISTRIBUTION OF THE PUBLIC GENERAL ACTS.—Parliament, &c.

	Sets ſtitched.	Sets bound.
Brought over	870	28
The Privy Council	50	60
Viz. For the Office, and ſuch Privy Councillors as may demand them, and for occaſional Tranſmiſſion to the Iſlands of Jerſey, and Guernſey, by Order of the Council - - - - - - 50		
Viz. For the Princes of the Blood, the Great Officers of State, and other Privy Councillors - 54; The Four Clerks - - 4; The Council Office - - 2		60
The Treaſury	1	9
Viz. The Secretaries - - - 2; The Chief Clerks - - 3; Revenue Room - - 1; Board Room - - - 1; Counſel - - - - 1; Solicitor - - - - 1		9
The Archbiſhop of Canterbury	2	2
His Grace the Archbiſhop - - 1; His Grace's Secretary - - 1 — 2		
His Grace the Archbiſhop 1; Lambeth Library - 1		
The Lord Chancellor	2	1
The Lord Chancellor - - 1; His Lordſhip's principal Secretary - 1 — 2		
The Speaker	0	1
Beſides One Copy as M. P.		
For his Secretary, One Copy - - -	1	
The Three Secretaries of State, and their Under Secretaries - -	9	9
The Admiralty Board - - -	1	
The Navy — D° - - -	1	
The Ordnance D° - - -	1	
The War Office - - - -	1	
The Poſt Office in England - -	1	
D° — in Scotland - -	1	
The Commiſſioners for auditing the Public Accounts - - -	0	1
The Commiſſioners of Cuſtoms in England - - - - - -	1	
D° — in Scotland - -	1	
The Commiſſioners of Exciſe in England - - - - - -	1	
D° — in Scotland - -	1	
Carried over - - -	945	111

	Sets ſtitched.			Sets bound.
Brought over - - -	945	—	—	— 111
The Commiſſioners of Stamps in England	1			
D° — in Scotland - -	1			
The Commiſſioners of Taxes in England -	1			
D° — in Scotland - -	1			
The King's Library - - - - -	0	—	—	— 1
The Britiſh Muſeum - - -	0	—	—	— 1
The Libraries of the Four Inns of Court in London - - - - -	0	—	—	— 4
The Two Engliſh Univerſities - -	2			
The Vice-Chancellor of each, One Copy -	2			
The Chapter of Canterbury - - - -	1			
The Chapter of St. Paul's - - - -	1			
The Chapter of Weſtminſter - - -	1			
Queen Anne's Bounty Office - - -	1			
The Firſt Fruit's Office - - -	1			
The Corporation of Widows and Orphans of the Clergy - - - -	1			
The Regiſter Office at Edinburgh - -	1			
The Advocate's Library D° - -	1			
The Four Scottiſh Univerſities - -	4			
	965	—	—	— 117
Total Houses of Parliament, &c. - - - - - -			1,082	

II.

Courts of Justice, &c.

In ENGLAND.	Sets ſtitched.			Sets bound.
The Maſter of the Rolls - - -	0	—	—	— 1
The Court of the Maſter of the Rolls -	1			
The Judges - - - - - -	24	—	—	— 12
The Attorney General - - -	2	—	—	— 1
The Solicitor General - - -	2	—	—	— 1
The Regiſter Office in Chancery - -	1			
The Report Office in Chancery - -	0	—	—	— 1
The Accountant General D° - -	0	—	—	— 1
The Crown Office - D° - -	0	—	—	— 1
The Clerk of the Crown - - -	0	—	—	— 1
Carried over - - -	30	—	—	— 19

DISTRIBUTION OF THE PUBLIC GENERAL ACTS.——Courts of Juſtice.

	Sets ſtitched.			Sets bound.
Brought over - - -	30	—	—	19
The Deputy Clerk of the Crown - -	1			
The Firſt Clerk - - D° - - -	1			
The Hanaper Office - - -	0	—	—	1
The Clerk of the Hanaper - -	0	—	—	1
The Deputy Clerk D° - - -	1			
The Curſitor's Office - - - -	1			
The Court of King's Bench - - -	0	—	—	1
The Crown Office King's Bench - -	1			
The King's Bench Office - - -	1			
The Court of Common Pleas - -	0	—	—	1
The Prothonotary's Office D° - -	1			
The Secondary's Office - D° - -	1			
The Duchy Court of Lancaſter - -	1			
The Chancellor of the County Palatine of Lancaſter - - -	1			
The Juſtices of Great Seſſion in Wales -	8			
The Court of the Arches - - -	1			
The Court of Admiralty - - -	1			
The Prerogative Court - - -	1			
The Court of Conſiſtory - - -	1			
The Judge of the Admiralty - -	0	—	—	1
The Judge of the Court of Arches - -	0	—	—	1
The Judge of the Court of Prerogative -	0	—	—	1
The Judge of the Court of Conſiſtory -	0	—	—	1
The Judge Advocate - - -	0	—	—	1
The King's Advocate - - -	0	—	—	1
The King's Proctor - - - -	0	—	—	1
The Proctor of the Admiralty - -	0	—	—	1
In SCOTLAND.				
The Court of Seſſion - - -	1			
D° — Juſticiary - - - -	1			
D° — Exchequer - - -	1			
D° — Admiralty - - -	1			
D° — Commiſſary - - -	1			
The Lords of Seſſion - - -	15			
The Barons of the Exchequer - - -	5			
The Lord Advocate of Scotland - -	1			
The Solicitor General of Scotland - -	1			
	79	—	—	31

Total COURTS OF JUSTICE, &c. — 110

DISTRIBUTION OF THE PUBLIC GENERAL ACTS.

III.

SHERIFFS, MUNICIPAL MAGISTRATES, &c.

	Sets ſtitched.	bound.
The Lord Mayor of London	1	1
The Recorder - - D°	1	
The Common Serjeant D°	1	
The Town Clerk - - D°	1	
The Clerk to the Sitting Aldermen D°	1	
The Seſſions Houſe Old Bailey	1	
The Seſſions Houſe for Middleſex	1	
The Public Office in Bow Street	1	
The Seven other Public Offices for Middleſex and Surrey	7	
The Lord Provoſt of Edinburgh	1	
The Dean of Guild - D°	1	
The Baillie of Leith	1	
The Lord Provoſt of Glaſgow	1	
The Dean of Guild - D°	1	
The Chamber of Commerce D°	1	
The Lord Mayor of York	1	
The Recorder - - D°	1	
The Town Clerk - D°	1	
The Mayor of - - Briſtol	1	
The Town Clerk - D°	1	
The Clerk of the Merchants Hall D°	1	
The Mayor of Liverpool	1	
The Recorder - D°	1	
The Town Clerk D°	1	
The Mayor of Kingſton upon Hull	1	
The Recorder - D°	1	
The Town Clerk - D°	1	
The Sheriffs for Middleſex and London	2	
The Sheriffs of every other County in Great Britain, One Copy each	84	
The Chief Magiſtrate or Head Officer of every City, Borough, and Town Corporate in England and Wales, and of every Royal Burgh in Scotland (except London, York, Liverpool, Hull, Briſtol, Glaſgow, and Edinburgh) One Copy each	361	
The Clerks of the Peace for every Commiſſion of the Peace in Great Britain, One Copy each	106	
	586	1
Total SHERIFFS, MUNICIPAL MAGISTRATES, &c.	587	

IV.

Resident Acting Juſtices of the Peace.

The Reſident acting Juſtices of the Peace under every Commiſſion of the Peace for each County, Liberty, City, and Town Corporate in Great Britain, as follows; *viz.*

	Sets ſtitched.
Bedfordſhire - - - -	10
Town of Bedford - - -	2
N. B.—Beſides 1 to the Mayor, and 1 to the Clerk of the Peace for this Commiſſion.	
Berkſhire - - - -	20
Buckinghamſhire - - - -	25
Town of Buckingham - - -	2
N. B.—Beſides 1 to the Mayor, and 1 to the Clerk of the Peace for this Commiſſion.	
Cambridgeſhire - - -	20
Town of Cambridge - - -	2
N. B.—Beſides 1 to the Mayor, and 1 to the Clerk of the Peace for this Commiſſion.	
Iſle of Ely - - - -	9
Cheſhire - - - -	20
Cornwall - - - -	25
Cumberland - - - -	20
Derbyſhire - - - -	20
Devonſhire - - - -	25
Dorſetſhire - - - -	20
Durham - - - -	20
Ebor or Yorkſhire, Eaſt Riding - -	10
——— Weſt Riding - - -	20
——— North Riding - - -	25
Liberty of Cawood, Wiſtow, and Otley	5
Liberty of St. Peter - - -	10
Carried over - - -	316

DISTRIBUTION OF THE PUBLIC GENERAL ACTS.—Acting Juſtices.

	Sets ſtitched.
Brought over - - -	310
Liberty of the Archbiſhop of York, to wit, Rippon, Sutton under Whitſtonecliff, Kilburne, and Marton	4
Eſſex - - - -	25
Glouceſterſhire - - -	25
Hereford ſhire - - -	25
Hertfordſhire - - - -	25
Liberty of St. Alban - -	20
Borough of St. Alban - -	2
N. B.—Beſides 1 to the Mayor, and 1 to the Clerk of the Peace for this Commiſſion.	
Huntingdonſhire - - -	20
Kent - - - -	25
Lancaſhire - - - -	25
Leiceſterſhire - - -	20
Lincolnſhire, Keſteven - - -	20
——— Lindſey - - -	20
——— Holland - - -	5
Middleſex - - - -	30
City of Weſtminſter - -	20
N. B.—Beſides 1 to the High Bailiff, and 1 to the Clerk of the Peace for this Commiſſion.	
Liberty of the Tower of London -	20
Monmouthſhire - - -	20
Norfolk - - - -	25
Northamptonſhire - - -	20
Liberty of Peterborough - -	7
Northumberland - - -	20
Nottinghamſhire - - -	20
Liberty of Southwell and Scrooby -	9
Oxfordſhire - - - -	20
Oxford City - - - -	2
N. B.—Beſides 1 to the Mayor, and 1 to the Clerk of the Peace for this Commiſſion.	
Rutlandſhire - - -	10
Shropſhire - - -	25
Somerſetſhire - - -	25
Borough of Taunton - -	2
N. B.—Beſides 1 to the Mayor, and 1 to the Clerk of the Peace for this Commiſſion.	
Carried over - - -	846

DISTRIBUTION OF THE PUBLIC GENERAL ACTS—Acting Juſtices.

	Sets ſtitched.		
Brought over - - -	846	— —	—
Southampton or Hants. - -	25		
Staffordſhire - - -	20		
Suffolk - - -	25		
Borough of Sudbury - -	2		
N. B.—Beſides 1 to the Mayor, and 1 to the Clerk of the Peace for this Commiſſion.			
Surrey - - - -	25		
Suſſex - - - -	25		
Warwickſhire - - -	20		
Weſtmorland - - -	10		
Worceſterſhire - - -	25		
Wiltſhire - - - -	25		
		1,048 -	ENGLAND.
WALES.			
Angleſea - - - -	10		
Brecknockſhire - - -	20		
Cardiganſhire - - -	10		
Carmarthenſhire - - -	20		
Carnarvonſhire - - -	10		
Denbighſhire - - - -	20		
Flintſhire - - - -	10		
Glamorganſhire - - -	20		
Merionethſhire - - -	7		
Montgomeryſhire - - -	10		
Pembrokeſhire - - -	20		
Town and County of the Town of Haverford Weſt - - -	2		
N. B.—Beſides 1 to the Mayor, and 1 to the Clerk of the Peace for this Commiſſion.			
Radnorſhire - - -	10		
		169 - -	WALES.
SCOTLAND.			
Aberdeenſhire - - -	25		
Ayrſhire - - - -	25		
Argyllſhire - - - -	25		
Carried over - - -	75		

DISTRIBUTION OF THE PUBLIC GENERAL ACTS—Acting Juſtices.

	Sets ſtitched.
Brought over	75
Banffſhire	25
Berwickſhire	20
Bute	8
Caithneſs	8
Clackmannanſhire	4
Cromartyſhire	4
Dumbartonſhire	20
Dumfrieſhire	25
Edinburghſhire	20
Elginſhire	20
Forfarſhire	25
Fifeſhire	25
Haddingtonſhire	20
Inverneſsſhire	25
Kincardineſhire	10
Kinroſsſhire	10
Kirkcudbright Stewartry	10
Lanarkſhire	25
Linlithgowſhire	6
Nairnſhire	8
Orkney and Zetland	3
Peebleſhire	10
Perthſhire	25
Renfrewſhire	20
Roſs	25
Roxburghſhire	20
Selkirkſhire	8
Stirlingſhire	20
Sutherland	20
Wigtownſhire	10
	554 - - SCOTLAND.

I. HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT, OFFICERS OF STATE, &c. -	1,082
II. COURTS OF JUSTICE, &c. IN ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND -	110
III. SHERIFFS, MUNICIPAL MAGISTRATES, &c. - - -	587
IV. RESIDENT ACTING JUSTICES OF THE PEACE - -	1,771
	3,550

RESOLVED,

RESOLVED, That it is the Opinion of this Committee,

3. THAT His Majeſty's Printer ſhould be authorized and directed to print and deliver, or tranſmit in like Manner, the aforeſaid 200 Copies of each Public local and private Statute, according to the following Mode of Diſtribution.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SPECIAL OR PUBLIC LOCAL AND PRIVATE STATUTES.

	Copies.
The Houſe of Peers, and its Officers	8
Viz.	
The Houſe	1
The Chancellor or Speaker	1
The Chairman of Committees	1
The Clerk of the Parliament	1
The Clerk Aſſiſtant	1
The Reading Clerk	1
The Clerk of the Journals	1
The Copying Clerk	1
	8
The Houſe of Commons	8
Viz.	
The Table of the Houſe, and the Clerks	8
The Privy Council	1
The Treaſury	1
The Archbiſhop of Canterbury	1
The Lord Chancellor	1
The Speaker of the Houſe of Commons	1
The Three Secretaries of State, viz. one for each	3
The King's Library	1
The Britiſh Muſeum	1
The Libraries of the Four Inns of Court in London	4
The Two Engliſh Univerſities	2
Carried over	32

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	Copies.
Brought over - - -	32
The Regiſter Office at Edinburgh -	1
The Advocate's Library at D° -	1
The Four Scottiſh Univerſities - -	4
The Maſter of the Rolls - -	1
The Judges, One Copy each - -	12
The Court of the Maſter of Rolls -	1
The Crown Office - - -	1
The Common Pleas - - -	1
The Court of King's Bench - -	1
The Hanaper Office - - -	1
The Attorney General - - -	1
The Solicitor General - - -	1
The Court of the Arches - -	1
D° — Admiralty - -	1
D° — Prerogative - -	1
D° — Conſiſtory - -	1
The Judge of the Admiralty - -	1
The Judge Advocate - - -	1
The King's Advocate - - -	1
The King's Proctor - - -	1
The Court of Seſſion in Scotland -	1
D° — Juſticiary - - -	1
D° — Exchequer - -	1
D° — Admiralty - - -	1
D° — Commiſſary in Scotland	1
The Lords of Seſſion - D° - -	15
The Barons of Exchequer - - -	5
The Lord Advocate - - D° - -	1
The Solicitor General - - D° - -	1
The Lord Mayor of London - -	1
The Clerk of the Peace for every Commiſſion of the Peace in Great Britain	106
Total - - -	200

RESOLVED,

RESOLVED, That it is the Opinion of this Committee,

4. That every Chief Magiſtrate and Head Officer of any City, Borough, or Town Corporate in England and Wales, and of every Royal Burgh in Scotland, and every Sheriff, Clerk of the Peace, and Town Clerk, receiving any ſuch Copies, ſhould preſerve them for the Public Uſe, and tranſmit them to his Succeſſor in Office.

RESOLVED, That it is the Opinion of this Committee,

5. That for the Purpoſe of effectuating the Promulgation of Private Statutes, and alſo of enſuring an adequate Compenſation to the Clerk of the Parliament and Officers of the Houſe of Lords (in lieu of their Annual Average Emoluments ariſing from the Office Copies of ſuch Statutes) without bringing any new Charge upon the Public, the Parties intereſted in every ſuch Statute ſhould make good ſuch Expenſe and Compenſation; and that thereupon ſuch printed Copies of every ſuch Statute ſhould be made judicially admiſſible in Evidence.

RESOLVED, That it is the Opinion of this Committee,

6. That His Majeſty's Printer ſhould alſo be authorized and directed to claſs the General Statutes and the Special Statutes (viz. the Public local and private Acts) of each Seſſion in ſeparate Volumes; and to number the Chapters of each Claſs ſeparately; and alſo to print One general Title to each Volume, together with a general Table of all the Acts paſſed in that Seſſion.

AS TO TEMPORARY BILLS.

RESOLVED, That it is the Opinion of this Committee,

7. That the preciſe Duration of every new Temporary Law ſhould be expreſſed in the Title of the Bill, and alſo in a diſtinct Clauſe at the End of the Bill, and no where elſe.

RESOLVED, That it is the Opinion of this Committee,

8. That where the Revival of ſeveral expired Statutes, or the Continuance of ſeveral expiring Statutes, is propoſed, all ſuch as are to be revived ſhould be included in one Bill, and ſuch as are to be continued in another, and that every Bill preſented for the Revival of ſeveral Statutes, or for the Continuance of ſeveral Statutes, ſhould expreſs in its Title, that the ſame is for reviving, or for continuing, the ſeveral Statutes therein mentioned; and ſhould deſcribe in its Title every ſuch Statute by its Year, Chapter, and Day of paſſing, together with the preciſe Duration propoſed to be given thereto.